

Wednesday Morning, June 9, 1869.

THE suggestions of our correspondent "S." are good, and should command the attention of our commercial men, particularly the members of the Chamber of Commerce. With such a body the question would be properly argued, and the value of a Free Port made thoroughly clear, or the reverse established. Although, in our opinion, the privilege would not be conceded to us without a sacrifice of consistency on the part of Canada; still a respectful address to the Canadian Parliament, setting forth, in a common sense light, the advantages that would follow the establishment of a Free Port here, and the loss resulting from its absence, would be received with every courtesy and carefully considered. On the contrary, if upon mature consideration it was thought inadvisable to press the matter, there are other subjects of equally serious import which demand the earnest attention of our merchants before our destinies are irrevocably fixed. It must be remembered that we cannot look for a more than proportionate representation at Ottawa, so that if we desire to have our requirements understood they should be properly represented now; any future evil consequences from negligence on our part must be accepted as the merited punishment of people who do not attend to their own business. The destiny of this Colony will be mainly influenced by commerce; it is, therefore, our duty at this juncture to keep such points of importance as may at some future period affect our progress, before the attention of those who, without such premonitions, may hereafter be the innocent causes of much misfortune. Let the gentlemen forming the Chamber of Commerce be called together, and let our position as a portion of the Dominion be properly canvassed; as members of that body they owe such an investigation to this community. After due consideration of the various conditions upon which we could equitably enter the Confederacy, such stipulations should be added as would be perfectly consonant with commerce as pursued on the Pacific Coast. It must also be borne in mind that there are numerous peculiarities about commercial usages on the Pacific that would be thought novel or irregular on the Atlantic; yet, are the best adapted for the habits and manners of the people here. Thus the creation of a Free Port and the machinery of Government adapted to this Coast are matters of vital importance to us, and should be maturely considered and submitted for public approval at once. The time rapidly approaches when the initiative will be taken for our incorporation with Canada, and Imperial and Canadian interests requiring that the least possible time should be lost in the settlement of preliminaries, many important omissions will take place. Every one of these omissions will be a fruitful source of much tedious negotiation afterwards, perhaps depriving us of some of our most profitable trade for a long time. The customary practice of neglecting to attend to such matters at the proper time, and then venting all our spleen on the Government by way of excuse, should be pretty well worn out now; we have done so much of that kind of thing that it is becoming tiresome. Our present Government, either from a consciousness of incompetency, or from some other cause not hitherto explained, allows itself to be pummeled and abused in every possible manner and takes the castigation quite complacently. The matter will be entirely changed. When we get into the practical hands of the men at Ottawa, we shall be taught another kind of amusement. But we digress. The duty of the Merchants at this juncture is plain. They announce themselves in favour of Confederation with Free Port. Without Free Port they don't want Confederation. Very well; let them take the proper steps to ascertain what privileges they will acquire by uniting themselves with Canada. They are reasoning men, thinking men. They bent but did not break before adverse commercial gales that few countries, new or old, have been called on to encounter. Let them, then, take this little business in their own hands and satisfy themselves that they will recover that privilege under Confederation which they lost under Union. Our individual opinion is that Free Port and Confederation are incompatible, and that those politicians who promise us both by the acceptance of one are seeking to play upon the credulity of their fellow colonists and to involve them in negotiations from which there will be no retreat. We may be mistaken in this view of the case;

but it is our earnest conviction, nevertheless. With the Chamber of Commerce rests the responsibility of solving the problem to the satisfaction of themselves and the country. Will the Chamber act?

A Letter from the Mainland.

Top of Sumass Mountain,
May 30, 1869.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I suppose it is natural, because so common, that those who are set apart or appoint themselves as our teachers, both religious and political, should acquire an ex-cathedra style of address, notwithstanding that not a few of the former show their peculiar fitness (?) by attempts to solve knotty biblical questions in ungrammatical vernacular; and plenty of the latter, dogmatizing in their sphere, base their conclusions on premises notoriously at variance with facts. There must surely be something magical or mesmerism in standing on a rostrum or wielding an editorial pen, which thus renders reading and even the exercise of common sense more eloge on the fancy and wit. The change is as inscrutable as that produced on many an old woman who, by being turned a few times into a midwife or nurse, gains more insight into the ills that flesh is heir to than a physician can by fifty years practice.

Free journalism must, I suppose, be jealously guarded as well as free speech; thus free journals, i. e. independent in the strict sense of the term, are just as likely to be found in petty communities as strawberries under snow; and are everywhere, when not conducted by honorable, intelligent, conscientious men, without a hobby, rather a base than a benefit. Subjects for leaders must be as scarce as topics for discussion in debating clubs from which religion or politics are excluded, and therefore such a standing grievance as a "fleckles" government a very godsend. This is kaleidoscopic. Every fresh turn of the wrist brings to view fresh combinations to be denounced. Nothing is too absurd to be said of a government. As in the south and west of Ireland, so here, there is scarcely an evil that is not in some way fairly attributable to bad government. I am no defender of the government, per se, but this charging every ill to maladministration is as senseless as it is baseless. Nor are the demands on the government much more sensible. It is hounded on to cut this trail and that, build roads and prosper the country, and at the same time reduce taxation, just as it was to cut trails to Bridge River and Big Bend and a road from Yale to New Westminster, not one of which is or ever was worth a hundredth part to the public of what it cost. As to prospecting, it is no doubt very desirable to know all the resources of the country, but it is no more the province of government to find mines for miners than it is to find trees for lumbermen, farms for farmers, or subscribers for a newspaper. Did Uncle Sam, by the way, whose praises some never tire of singing, discover the mineral riches of California, Nevada, &c. or was it done by private enterprise? And since many more of his subjects than our own are benefitted by our mines and mills why not ask him to contribute to the expense of finding the former? But where is the necessity of further prospecting by government; if, as the Yale Examiner in a spread-eagle leader full indeed of inflated claptrap and plausible contradictions "there are thousands of people in California, Canada and even Australia, who are aware that our mineral regions are extensive and rich? If they are aware what more do they want? Do they want free passages here, to be provided with velocipedes to the scene of action and their shafts sunk free gratis for nothing—as I heard an ungrammatical countryman express himself? The same leader informs us of the exploring expedition sent out by the Australian Government, but not how they raised the means; not a word about the fact that the horses even to search for gold was \$750 per month that the influx of population from the united kingdom during the 6½ years succeeding the discovery of gold was about 40,000; the export of gold from Victoria alone 16½ millions of ounces, and that these colonies previous to this discovery were teeming with flocks and herds, with agricultural producers and cheep labor. Land too sells and sold readily at £1 per acre, there being no gigantic competition close to their door. Nevertheless—and although they have had no such roads to build as ours—the public debt is so heavy that the *Weekly Dispatch*, not long since, could not advise a correspondent to invest in a colonial fund. Call your evidence to suit a foregone conclusion and you may prove anything, just as by false syllogisms the younger fresh from college astonished his father by logically proving that an eagle was a pigeon. "Truth in clear language," to which Cobbett attributed the success of his "Register," is quite as uncommon as in his day. Again, as to the policy of holding out special inducements to nomadic miners. A greater absurdity was never penned than that a country can be enriched by the influx of alien miners drawing their substance, to a great extent, from foreign countries, through foreign merchants, not one in a thousand of either class are likely to invest one cent beyond the needs of to-day in real property in the country. Would the Bank of England be enriched if she had her vaults in Cariboo, and an army came, built a road and carried off the old lady's treasure, simply paying the cost of keeping the road in repair or but little more? And the cases are precisely analogous. If wealth be the accumulation of the products of industry, where is ours? What can we show as an equivalent for the millions on millions of dollars that have been abstracted from the country? Not even the substance of our own subjects. There is not enough left here to erect a quartz mill or a flour mill without a docteur from Government, which would be a promise to pay—not enough to catch our own whales nor even to buy the salt to put on their tails, nor to open a copper or silver mine no matter how rich they may be. The fact is we have too many storekeepers and other non-producers for the business of the country, waiting for something to turn up, and in the meantime devouring one another like Pharaoh's lean kine and with the like result. If you, Mr. Editor, can but induce them to direct their energies to better purposes, such as farming, tanning, shoemaking and start-

ing more sawmills, you will deserve well of your country and ought to receive more good to secure you should the despot mentioned in my first ever appear.

Yours, with respect,
AN ENGLISHMAN AND A FARMER.

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to be dissolved so far as concerns the said L. KIRBY, and
that the aforesaid J. KIRBY will not hold himself re-
sponsible for any liability which may be incurred by the
said Leech River Company on the partnership account or on
any other account whatever.
LAMPREY KIRBY.
Dated at Victoria, V. I., June 7th, 1869. j8 In

VICTORIA WHALING ADVENTURERS
COMPANY (Limited.)

THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
Shareholders of the above Company has been post-
poned to THURSDAY, June 18th, at three o'clock, p. m., at
Smith's Room.
J. KRIEMER Secretary.

In the Matter of the Estate of William
Laughton, deceased Intestate.

ALL PERSONS WHO ARE INDEBTED
to the above Estate are required to pay forthwith
the amount due. And all persons who have any claims
against the above Estate are requested to send in their
accounts on or before the 7th day of July, 1869.
H. C. LAMPRAY, Administrator.
Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, V. I.,
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"P. S. Bartlett Watch in 2½ oz. 18 Karat Gold Hunting
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Court at VICTORIA, Thursday 24th inst., are notified that
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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, June 9, 1869.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

June 8.—Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.
Star Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend.
Star G. S. Wright, Langdon, Portland.

CLEARED.

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Star Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend.
Star G. S. Wright, Langdon, Portland.

County Court.

(Before Hon. A. F. Pemberton.)

TUESDAY, June 8.

BURROWS vs. LeCuyer.—This was an action to recover the value of a horse, alleged to have been killed by defendant's son. Mr. Courtney, who appeared for the plaintiff, accepted a non-suit, on the ground that the father was not liable for the act of his son.

DEANS vs. BAKER.—This was an action brought against the defendant, Baker, for detaining the horse of the plaintiff in his field for damages done to his crop. From the evidence adduced before the Court, it was shown that the plaintiff was working his horse at the time, and therefore he claimed damages for the detention. Several witnesses were called on both sides to prove the damage done to the crops in the field. Judgment for the plaintiff for \$3.

JAMES DAY BRIDGE ON FIRE.—Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, Mr. LaChapelle, whilst at work in his booth, observed smoke and flame rising from the floor of the bridge, at a point some 60 feet distant from the northerly end of the structure. LaChapelle immediately ran to the spot, and ascertained that the edge of two of the planks were on fire and burning briskly. By the prompt application of a few buckets of water he drowned the flames and saved the structure from destruction. The fire probably originated from the careless dropping of a wax match by some person who had ignited it to light a cigar or pipe. In 1864 the old bridge that crossed James Bay took fire from a like cause and was saved, almost by a miracle, from destruction.

A SNAK.—The existence of a dangerous snag in the mouth of this harbor has been known for some months. The dangerous obstruction lies almost in midchannel to the west of Shoal Point and exactly in the track of vessels entering. The snag does not appear to be firmly planted in the sand as yet, but there is an evident inclination of the sand deposits of Shoal Point to gather in around it and either form a bar across the mouth or set the snag so firmly as to involve its removal much expense. At present a steamer might make fast and pull it out like a tooth, and the cost would be nominal. The harbor master should take steps to have the obstruction removed before it shall have attained more formidable proportions.

KENNEDY'S SCOTTISH ENTERTAINMENTS.—Amongst a rush of amusements not often seen here, Mr. Kennedy has achieved a success which should be accepted by him as the strongest expression of public opinion in his favor. He, assisted only by Miss Kennedy, has produced an entertainment which is a real treat to all who listen to him. Mr. Kennedy has given very full programmes, but the demand for songs in his repertoire, but which he has not yet sung, have been so numerous and show such appreciation and judgment on the part of his audiences that he has determined to give two more concerts on the evenings of Monday and Wednesday of next week, the 17th and 19th of May, which will finally close his entertainments in this place. —S. F. News Letter.

GOING AWAY.—H. Shirley Blunt and John Henderson, Esqrs. will sail to-day on the Wilson G. Hunt for San Francisco via Olympia and Portland. Mr. Blunt is well and favorably known from his long connection with the Bank of British Columbia as manager of the Cariboo branch; and Mr. Henderson has been Victoria agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company from the first extension of the line to this place down to the present time. Both gentlemen leave many friends behind who deeply regret their departure.

The steamer Enterprise left for New Westminster yesterday morning, carrying 25 passengers and about 40 tons of freight. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Foster, of Clinton, Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Nelson, and Mr. G. J. Findlay, were among the passengers.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN ought to buy the dredger for foraging purposes. It is his great army of short supplies he could give the great short a turn, and would come the buckets filled with clams to the brim. Government is open for an offer and would dispose of it low, especially when it is likely to serve a purpose so humane.

ROBBERY.—Levy, the ferryman, was robbed of \$50 in money and an opera glass, day before yesterday. An Indian who was observed prowling about the premises, is in custody upon a charge of being the culprit.

THE DAWSON WHALING PARTY.—Mr. Dawson, from Cortes, arrived in town on Monday. He reports that his works are all in readiness and he intends to double the capacity of the party this season. The boys will start out after whales in a few days.

An invitation has been extended to the Tiger Steam Fire Engine Company, by the Fire Department of Olympia, to visit their city on the 4th of July, and take with them their steam machine.

The new steamer for the Sound trade was launched at New York on the 10th May. She is called the Olympia.

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The importance of the Kootenay diggings as a mining camp may be readily understood from the clipping inserted in a recent issue of the Walla Walla Union. Their extent and richness bid fair to rank them as the second in importance in the Colony. As may naturally be expected our packers and traders are looking to the Government to aid them in securing the trade of such an important section of our gold fields, but apparently with but little prospect of success this season. We are not in the secrets of the Lands and Works department, hence cannot account for the strange apathy on the part of the authorities. It may be that a satisfactory explanation may be given, if so, the Government cannot be surprised if the colonists attribute the absence of any change in that direction as culpable negligence, failing the desired information. There is, however, another source of dissatisfaction in the absence of a Gold Commissioner during ten months in the year from that district which, with our powerful staff of such officers, is quite unaccountable. There are two or three constables who do their best under the circumstances; in the event of a breach of the peace they arrest a man, and if he can find bail they give him his liberty, but if the gravity of the affair requires a higher authority to dispose of, they are obliged to keep him locked up sometimes for many months before the case can be properly enquired into; thus running the risk of frustrating the ends of justice by loss of evidence or of inflicting a cruel injustice on an innocent man. But even such grave irregularities are not the worst phases of the affair; the legality of such proceedings are very questionable in the absence of a duly qualified officer. The evil is even more serious when taken in connection with civil suits, particularly those in relation to mining claims; a whole season may be lost by the unfortunate litigant, or an aggrieved miner who appeals to the law for protection may be robbed of all his hard earnings by unprincipled men who avail themselves of the absence of any power to stay illegal appropriation, and by the time such aid can be obtained the property may be worthless. We could multiply instances of excessive hardship arising from the visits of a Gold Commissioner who could also perform the duties of a Magistrate and County Court Judge, but we trust the hints we have thrown out are enough. We are aware that the grievance arises from a defective system of Government that compels the attendance of these functionaries so far away from the scene of their duties; but we trust that some arrangements may be made that will admit of the Commissioners attending to their several charges, at least for a longer period of each year than at present.

THE CALEDONIAN GATHERING.—The sons of Scotia are going to recall their home associations by the practice of all their national games on the 5th ultimo, and for this purpose they have engaged a fine piece of ground near Jay's nursery in which to join in happy mirth and social exercise for old and young. Their gatherings are celebrated for the care and taste with which they are carried out; we anticipate a large and gay party and feel sure of its being high in public favor.

THE WASHINGTON TERRITORY ELECTION.—The only dispatch that came over the wires last evening was one announcing that Jefferson and Knap Counties had given Garfield [Republican] 342 majority.

OUTSIDE.—The Australian bark Eli Whitney, Capt. Pleasco, 21 days from San Francisco, anchored outside last evening. The Eli Whitney is bound for Burrard Inlet, where she will load at the B. C. & V. I. Mills for Melbourne.

The steamer Edna Anderson returned to Puget Sound at noon yesterday. The Wilson G. Hunt will sail for the same destination at 5 o'clock this morning.

The Indians of Salt Spring Island are preparing a petition against the infliction of the death penalty in the case of the Indian convicted of the murder of Wm. Robinson.

Not Candidates.

MR. EDITOR:—I understand, on good authority, that Mr. Dijkwater positively refused to become a candidate; and that Mr. Skinner was asked to run, not by an elector, but by a resident medical practitioner of this city.

Civilization in Alaska.

[From the St. Louis Republican, May 10th.]

From all accounts, our brave soldiers and accomplished officials are bearing the lights of civilization and Christianity to the savage Indians and barbarous Russians of Alaska, very much as Sherman's missionaries carried the blessings of peace to the people of South Carolina. Drukenness, insubordination, abuse of the natives and residents, seem to the extent of utter anarchy and demoralization. If half the stories are true; if half the reports of outrage and misgovernment are authentic, the representatives of our sovereignty in Alaska are thoroughly disgraced and the country disgraced with them. With our high pretensions to honor and justice, we ought not to hasten to take in countries inhabited by other races of men for the purpose of demonstrating to them how much more we are than barbarians. We have learned from private advice that a Court-martial was called to meet at Sitka in February; and that the officers from places along the Pacific coast had been ordered into that remote region in the winter, for some purpose or other. Whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reports of official misconduct, or whether the thing originated there, we have not been informed.

There is but one

American perfume that has stood the test of time, and that is, for over thirty years, has been in constant use, and which is to day admitted to be the only fragrant water adapted to the various uses of the bath, the handkerchief, and the toilet.

DELAYED DESPATCHES.

Europe.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The Herald's London special states that in an official correspondence between England and America relative to the Alabama affairs, published in February, 1868, Seward expressed a plan for the settlement of the claims, suggesting an international conference. Subsequently Seward desired that the naturalization and San Juan questions should be first settled. These were accordingly concluded in December. Johnson, on behalf of Seward, proposed that the Alabama claims be referred to Commissioners, formed of an equal number of British and Americans, with power to call upon an umpire, in case of disagreement, whose decision was to be final. Lord Stanley responded that the point on which former negotiations broke off was on claims for arbitration. The question of the alleged premature recognition by Her Majesty's Government of the belligerency of the Confederates, could not be taken up and thereby cause the Government to depart from the position already taken, but he saw no difficulty in so framing a reference that the difficulty might be avoided. The negotiations thereafter proceeded rapidly, on the basis of this agreement, by which both nations were blinded for the purpose of making things run smoothly. The convention was drawn up and signed in December, England conceding that the place of meeting was to be in Washington. Subsequently Seward informed Thornton that the contents of the convention were not in accordance with the instructions of Minister Johnson, and the President and his colleagues could not approve certain stipulations which, in their present form, would not receive the sanction of the Senate. Seward informed Thornton that the United States would bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion, and hoped that the importance of the subject would lead him to modifications that would be acceptable to the Senate. On the English Ministry being changed, Lord Clarendon wrote under date of December 24th, that the British Government was prepared to meet the wishes of the United States, and sent a draft of a convention, by which the negotiations were to be completed on the 4th of January. A second convention was drawn up by Lord Clarendon, that is the one which has been rejected by the Senate. It was in fact a proposal to cheat the public by a deceptive clause in regard to the recognition of belligerency, and it excited indignant comments here with all fair-minded men, and appears to have fully justified the action of the Senate.

PARIS, June 2.—The Herald's special says a splendid farewell American banquet was given by Gen. Dix at the Grand Hotel tonight. Between 300 and 400 were present. Mr. Washburne, the General's successor, and Messrs. Burlingame and Bullock, of Massachusetts, were guests. Mr. Cowardin, of New York presided. General Dix, in response to the toast of his health, delivered an eloquent speech thanking the assembly for the compliments paid, he reviewed the past progress and referred to the future prospects of their common country. Alluding to the completion of the Pacific Railroad, he said it realized the prophet's dream, and he thought of Columbus; by opening up a western passage from Europe to the Indies in the present century, little more was needed to complete the work. After alluding to the ambition of the American people, the General said, we may trust to Providence for the continuance of our national prosperity, if in our intercourse with foreign States we conform to those rules, international rights and obligations which have received the sanction of the civilized world, demanding only that the same maxims of reciprocal justice shall be sacredly respected by others; that the high seas shall be recognized as a common pathway and that all nations shall be free from all pretensions of superiority or arbitrary control. In relation to France he said there had existed between America and France from the earliest period a strong bond of affinity which should never be broken. France came to our aid at a trying period in the infancy of the country, and during the very throes of the national question she rendered essential service to Washington by the sword of her soldiers, Rochambeau and Count de Grasse, while LaFayette, Ruxton and Paul Jones at sea unsheathed their sword in the cause of Independence. Owing to this misunderstanding between the two countries for nearly a century have been few, trifling and brief in duration, leaving no ranking feeling or resentments behind. After an eloquent tribute to the generosity of Napoleon, the worth and virtue of the Empress, General Dix referred to the qualifications of his successor, Mr. Washburne. Speeches were subsequently made by Burlingame, Washburne, Hall and others.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—Earthquake waves are recorded on the tidal wave sheet, at Fort Point, as having occurred between 6.30 and 9 A. M., yesterday.

A Sitka correspondent thus describes Alaska scenery: Take one big mountain—covered with trees from the base nearly to the summit, with an undergrowth of brush, briars, and moss almost impassable—multiply the one by ten thousand, and you have Alaska. There is a terrible sameness. One singular feature of this mass of forest is the absence of birds. I have seen but one robin in Sitka.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are essentially useful in purifying the blood, cleansing the stomach, gently stimulating the kidneys, and acting as mild aperients. A few doses of this purifying medicine set the foulest stomach right, remove all bilious symptoms, steady the circulation, give strength to the muscles and composure to the brain and nerves. The Pills are so innocuous that they may be taken by persons in the most delicate state of health, and with marked effect. When the system has been enervated by over-indulgence, or exhausted by mercurial preparations, these Pills are excellent restoratives, they expel the poison and enrich the blood.

CHEAP SHAVING.—Having recovered his health, Fred Payne's shop is again open to the public. Prices as before.

European Mail Summary.

A Ministerial crisis appeared to be imminent at The Hague on the subject of the bill the Dutch Government has brought forward to grant a sum of eleven millions of florins (21. 10c. each) for the construction of railways in the island of Java; the State thinks it necessary to assist the Colony the prosperity of which is seriously compromised, and which is not, as formerly, a source of profit to the mother country. The First Chamber was, however, opposed to the credit, and the matter was to be made a Cabinet question.

In the Spanish Cortes on April 17, the Government were asked why no iron-clad vessels had been sent to Cuba. Admiral Topete, in reply, said that the Victoria, an iron-clad, had left on the previous day. Twenty-two vessels were already at the island he added, and others were preparing to leave, but there were not sailors enough to man them. Admiral Topete concluded by stating that the present Spanish Squadron might not, perhaps, suffice to maintain the integrity of the island as a portion of Spanish territory.

The archives of the Holy Synod, St. Petersburg, which contain materials of the highest value for the history of Russian Church and religious legislation have remained hitherto but little known and almost inaccessible to the studies of the learned. The Emperor ALEXANDER has just authorized the appointment of a special commission charged to place these documents in order, and to publish a certain number of them.

Canadian Mail Summary.

It is given out that the New York Imperialist has been obliged to suspend publication—the News Company refusing to sell, it because of its seditious character. If this is true, our neighbors are more particular than we are. In Canada, people are allowed to publish papers advocating Annexation, Fenianism, Independence, or any other seditious vagary they can devise. And the newshewers are not afraid to sell such papers. Why cannot our neighbors copy our example, and have freedom of the Press?—Toronto Globe.

OTTAWA, May 16.—The Speaker took the chair at 3.30 o'clock. Mr. Howe was introduced by Sir J. A. Macdonald and Sir George Currier. His entry was the signal for an enthusiastic round of applause. After shaking hands with the Speaker, Mr. Howe took the single seat at the head of the first row, in the ministerial benches, heretofore occupied by Mr. Ross, who took his seat immediately behind Sir George, at the same desk with Langevin. The galleries were full of spectators, attracted to witness the entry of the President of the Council.

MONTREAL, May 17.—The corner stone of the new St. George's church, Church of England, was laid by the Lord Bishop of Huron, in presence of a large number of spectators, among whom were a large number of clergy.

HALIFAX, May 12.—In the House of Assembly this afternoon, the Attorney General announced the following as the policy of the local Government:

First—that they accept the terms agreed upon by Messrs Howe and McLean as an instalment of what is due to Nova Scotia, with the right to demand such further amount annually as can be shown the province is entitled to.

Second—that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick be considered as an unit and have the same representation as Quebec, viz: Sixty-two members.

Third—that the local instead of the Dominion Government have the appointment of senators.

Fourth—that no change or modification of the constitution be accepted until submitted to and approved by the people.

A GILMORE, Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

PELL'S COFFEE has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

Truth Must Prevail!

Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills are a sure cure for vitiated or impoverished blood; are certain to purge out and carry off all bad humors; are the best of all medicines for the stomach, liver, and kidneys. Try them! Try them!

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TO CLOSE VARIOUS CONSIGNMENTS

69 embroidered and fancy trimmed Jackets and Cloaks
6 rolls glazed Lining, Calicoes
20 doz Ladies' Stockings, 45 doz blue and grey Socks
17 doz Eagle White Shirts, asstd sizes
3 1-2 doz Baltic Shirts, 8 doz English Shirts and Drawers
19 doz blue-grey Cassimere and Cloth American Shirts
10 doz Boys' Underclothing, 4 doz Buck Goves and Mitts
9 doz blue-grey Shirts and Drawers
11 1-2 doz blk, white, brown and drab hats

—ALSO—

4 cs, 330 prs, CABLE-SCREWED & PEGGED BROGANS
3 cs fine Calif Dress Boots

Also, at Commencement of Sale, Under Power of Sale, to William Foot,

One Chestnut Horse
One Water Cart

—ALSO—MINING STOCK,

One-eighth interest in the North Saanich Coal Mining Co

—ALSO—

cs 25 grs Briar Root Pipes, for account of whom it may concern

—ALSO—

A Roan Mare, Year old, a first class saddle Horse.

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Furniture Sale

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

Have been Instructed to Sell at the Residence of Mr. ANDREW SMITH, Blanchard street, bet Yates and View,

Saturday, June 12th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,

Household Furniture,

Chairs, Tables, Carpets, Crockery and Glassware, Bedsteads, Hair, Pulu, and Feather Beds and Pillows, Chest Drawers, Coal Oil Lamps, Looking Glasses, Washstands and Furniture, Blinds, Curtains, Tools, Kitchen Furniture, Etc., Etc.

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And other Property,

Thursday, June 10th,

AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,

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The following Goods:

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Sugar in loaves for preserving

" Sandwich Island No. 1

Hams

Salt in preserving bottles

Sardines, 1-2 & 1-4 boxes

Currants, Spices, etc,

—ALSO—

WINES & SPIRITS

Superior Brown Sherry

" Pale Sherry

" Claret

" Orange Bitters

" Hollands Gin

—ALSO—

Lot Wrapping Paper, slightly

damaged

60 Nests Baskets

—ALSO—

Tobacco in boxes

—ALSO—

Household Effects

Consisting of Sundries from the Residence of the Hon. W. A. G. Young, including Chairs, Looking Glasses, Bath, Tables, Earthenware, Kitchen Stove, Cutlery, Glassware, Bedding, Croquet Set, Etc., Etc.

—ALSO—

1 Dinner Service

Etc., Etc., Etc.

